

Table 4. Selected National Average Natural Gas Prices, 1996-2002

(Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Wellhead Price ^a	City Gate Price	Delivered to Consumers					
			Residential Price	Commercial		Industrial		Electric Utilities Price
				Price	% of Total ^b	Price	% of Total ^b	
1996 Annual Average	2.17	3.34	6.34	5.40	77.6	3.42	19.4	2.69
1997 Annual Average	2.32	3.66	6.94	5.80	70.8	3.59	18.1	2.78
1998 Annual Average	1.96	3.07	6.82	5.48	67.0	3.14	16.1	2.40
1999 Annual Average	2.19	3.10	6.69	5.33	66.2	3.10	17.5	2.62
2000								
January	2.60	3.27	6.37	5.78	66.5	3.41	18.7	2.74
February	2.73	3.48	6.54	5.96	67.4	3.68	19.4	2.96
March	2.66	3.54	6.91	5.78	62.4	3.54	18.2	3.00
April	2.86	3.72	7.19	6.04	61.2	3.59	18.0	3.23
May	3.04	4.15	8.26	5.98	59.6	3.67	17.0	3.63
June	3.77	5.19	9.50	6.49	56.5	4.24	18.1	4.45
July	3.84	5.20	10.33	6.56	55.5	4.55	17.6	4.35
August	3.73	4.63	10.37	6.09	57.7	4.33	17.1	4.27
September	4.26	5.21	10.10	6.93	56.0	4.88	16.5	4.85
October	4.58	5.66	9.44	7.49	58.5	5.45	16.6	5.17
November	4.40	5.20	8.58	7.57	63.0	5.39	19.8	5.37
December	5.77	6.64	8.56	8.20	67.5	6.67	20.4	8.23
Annual Average	3.69	4.62	7.76	6.59	62.9	4.48	18.1	4.38
2001								
January	^E 8.06	8.94	10.14	9.54	71.9	8.65	18.3	9.47
February	^E 5.84	7.10	10.28	9.80	70.6	7.35	18.0	6.85
March	^E 5.15	6.15	9.86	9.14	68.3	6.24	17.1	5.69
April	^E 5.21	6.39	10.15	9.00	65.5	6.04	16.5	5.70
May	^E 4.56	5.87	^R 11.15	9.22	59.6	5.33	15.3	5.15
June	^E 3.88	5.37	^R 11.54	8.54	58.3	4.70	14.8	4.35
July	^E 3.39	4.32	^R 11.14	7.92	53.2	4.10	15.8	3.84
August	^E 3.23	4.28	^R 10.81	7.31	53.6	3.99	15.3	3.73
September	^E 2.55	3.66	^R 10.18	6.92	52.6	3.55	16.1	3.15
October	^E 2.40	3.32	8.22	^R 6.39	59.1	3.27	16.1	2.79
November	^E 2.74	3.98	^R 7.96	6.91	63.8	3.94	16.7	3.31
December	^E 2.38	3.93	^R 7.31	6.45	67.1	3.65	17.2	3.11
Annual Average	^E 4.12	5.77	9.63	8.45	^R 64.9	5.19	16.5	4.51
2002								
January	^E 2.35	4.03	7.23	6.55	66.8	^R 3.98	17.4	3.39
February	^E 2.14	3.78	7.19	6.51	65.6	3.67	17.4	3.10
March	^E 2.52	3.78	6.95	6.29	^R 65.8	3.80	16.9	3.40
April	^E 3.02	4.09	7.55	6.62	^R 61.4	3.62	22.5	3.85
May	^E 3.01	4.02	8.41	6.76	57.0	4.03	20.2	3.73
June	^E 2.94	4.14	9.42	6.90	^R 53.8	3.89	20.7	3.66
July	^E 2.89	3.90	9.99	6.96	^R 50.2	^R 3.81	18.6	3.56
August	^E 2.77	3.59	10.28	6.91	^R 49.2	^R 3.73	18.9	3.49
September	^E 2.98	4.07	10.08	^R 6.89	^R 50.2	3.82	18.2	3.75
October	^E 3.35	4.27	8.46	6.74	54.3	4.11	17.9	NA
2002 YTD^c	^E 2.80	3.95	7.76	6.61	60.2	3.84	18.8	3.57
2001 YTD^c	^E 4.43	6.22	10.16	8.88	64.7	5.48	16.4	4.87
2000 YTD^c	3.41	4.11	7.45	6.14	61.9	4.10	17.7	3.89

^a See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 8, for discussion of wellhead prices.

^b Percentage of total deliveries represented by onsystem sales, see Figure 6. See Table 25 for State data.

^c Year-to-date price represents months for which price information is available in the current year. The electric utility year-to-date price is 3 months behind the wellhead, city gate, residential, commercial, and industrial year-to-date prices.

^R Revised Data.

^E Estimated Data.

NA Not Available.

Notes: Data for 1996 through 2000 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. In 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use was classified as industrial use. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 5 for further explanation.

Sources: 1996-2000: Energy Information Administration (EIA) *Natural Gas Annual 2000*. January 2001 through current month: EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," Form FERC-423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants," and EIA estimates.